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In re Application of :
WANG, Shoufeng et al. :
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This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 USC 371..

On 09 February 2007, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

On 23 March 2007, applicants filed a declaration of the inventors. The signatures were in Chinese characters.

On 22 August 2007, the Office mailed Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) indicating that the declaration was illegible and that applicant had failed to pay the surcharge for late filing of the search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration.

There is no requirement that a signature be made in any particular manner. MPEP 605.04(a). The 23 March 2007 declaration listed the inventors and their citizenships and was executed. It complied with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

For the above reasons, the Notification of Defective Response mailed 22 August 2007 is **VACATED**. The required surcharge for the submission of the search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration after 30 months will be charged to deposit account no. 50-3478, as authorized.

This application is being referred to the National Stage Processing branch of the Office of Patent Application Processing for further action consistent with this decision. The application has a 35 USC 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date of 23 March 2007.

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